

A writer says, "Hyssop is a type of faith. It roots itself in the rock or wall. It is a low and apparently mean production; but it has great medicinal qualities. 1 Kings 4:33; Psa. 51; 7. Faith is a plant of the Spirit's production, in the garden of grace. It roots itself in Christ, the living Rock' and grows by nature received from Him. It is low and contemptible in the opinion of men; nothing is more vilified or contemned than faith. It is a humble plant, but it is the instrumental grace by which Christ is apprehended and privileges are embraced."

A faith thus rooted in the Rock of Ages is mighty—we had almost written, *almighty*. It has a command in heaven and earth—aye, in hell, that has a measureless sweep. Is your faith thus rooted?

It is said of Eliot, the missionary, by one of his friends, "I was never with him but I received, or might have received, some good from his company."

That is the way every Christian should be living in this world—he should be a center of mighty, salutary influence—a great reservoir from which life-giving streams shall go out to bless mankind. Is that the case with you, reader?

Bonar says, Moses had just sung, "There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun. The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." And so he is laid to rest. And lo! fifteen hundred years afterwards how safe he is! how blessed! for there appeared unto them Elias with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus!

Yes, to be enfolded in those everlasting arms of the God of Jeshurun, is positive safety. The tempest may sweep, and the whole world be in convulsions, but the soul so enfolded has undisturbed rest—rest for time and eternity. Blessed be the Lord.

"We live in an age of democratic equality; for a moment, a party may stand against the age, but in the end it goes by the board; the man who launches a sound argument, who sets on two feet a startling fact, and bids it travel from Maine to Georgia is just as certain that in the end he will change the government as if, to destroy the Capitol, he had placed gunpowder under the Senate chamber. Natural philosophers tell us that if you will only multiply the simplest force into enough time, it will equal the greatest. So it is with the slow intellectual movement of

the masses. It can scarcely be seen, but it is a constant movement; it is the shadow on the dial; never still, though never seen to move; it is the tide, it is the ocean, gaining on the proudest and strongest bulwarks that human art or strength can build. It may be defied for a moment, but in the end Nature always triumphs. So the race, if it cannot drag a Webster along with it, leaves him behind and forgets him. The race is rich enough to afford to do without the greatest intellects God ever let the Devil buy. Stranded along the past, there are a great many dried mummies of dead intellects, which the race found too heavy to drag forward."—WENDALL PHILLIPS.

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